

City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

APPROVED SUMMARY MINUTES

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2011 City Hall Kiva 3939 Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ

Present:

Chair Stan Koczka Vice Chair Harry Schlegelmilch Commissioner Robert Frost Commissioner James Duchene Commissioner Anne Wurth

Absent:

Commissioner Jeanne Alspaugh Commissioner Gene Dafoe

Staff Present:

Jan Cameron Jona Davis
Reed Pryor Chris Thom
Terry Erickson Jody Pierce
Hugh McGill Mike Ruggiero
Scott Anderson Lorelei Oien
Daniel Morgan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koczka called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the City Hall Kiva.

2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

- a. Work Study Session, November 2, 2011
- b. Regular Meeting, November 2, 2011

Motion by Commissioner Frost to approve Work Study Session minutes from November 2, 2011; second by Commissioner Wurth.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).

Motion by Commissioner Frost to approve Regular Meeting minutes from November 2, 2011; second by Commissioner Wurth.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).

5. PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE CHANGES REGARDING WILDLIFE/WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT IN CITY PARKS

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager, and Scott Anderson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, provided a presentation on the management of wildlife/waterfowl in City Parks and proposed City park ordinance changes. Mr. Anderson provided information on the City's lakes at Vista del Camino, Eldorado, Indian School, and Chaparral and Camelback Parks.

Ms. Elizabeth Ray, ASU Department of Applied Sciences and Mathematics 2011 graduate, provided information on the population dynamics and characteristics of nuisance sites used by resident urban Canada geese in Scottsdale's parks; this information was gathered from October 2008 through September 2010 by Ms. Ray as a part of the research for her thesis.

Mr. Mike Rabi, Arizona Game and Fish, provided information on habitat modeling, management implications, and Arizona's Game and Fish position on wildlife feeding.

Mr. Anderson informed the Commission of proposed changes to the ordinance, which would be followed by public outreach, brought back before the Commission, and eventually forwarded to the City Council for approval.

The presentations were followed by a discussion/suggestion/question period, including:

- Regular removal to a wilderness area.
- ► A manageable number of ducks and geese provide an enriching experience for park patrons.
- Methods of population control.
- Putting feed for pay in the parks.
- Reduce population without reducing grass areas in the parks.
- Effects of diminished water quality in the lakes as a result of the geese.
- Penalties for violation of City waterfowl ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner Frost to accept proposed changes to City park ordinance regarding wildlife and waterfowl management in City parks; second by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch.

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Vote: Motion passed unanimously with a vote of five (5) to zero (0).

6. SCOTTSDALE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL UPDATE

Daniel Morgan, Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council Advisor, introduced Matt Kalina, Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council President, who facilitated a presentation highlighting the 2011/2012 Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council activities, the mission statement, member qualifications, and some of the Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council experiences.

The presentation was followed by comments and an answer and question period from the Commissioners.

7. <u>UPDATE OF YOUTH SPORTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM INCLUDING THE STATUS</u> OF THE BALL FIELD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Jona Davis, Recreation Supervisor, and Chris Thom, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, provided an update of Youth Sports Field Allocation (YSFA) program, which included the YSFA policy and process, scope of operation, reserved hours totals and Scottsdale Unified School Districts fields.

Jody Pierce, Landscape Contracts Coordinator, provided an update the status of the ball field maintenance program, including the budget and field maintenance methods.

Ms. Davis reported on the TCS Youth Baseball tournament and the Senior Softball World Series, and customer survey results.

The presentation was followed by questions, comments and compliments for the city's fields from the Commissioners, including:

- Backstops for the baseball fields
- ► The \$3.00 field usage fee

*8. RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER FROST'S YEARS OF SERVICE

Chair Stan Koczka expressed his gratitude for Commissioner Frost's service.

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, recognized and expressed the Parks and Recreation Department's gratitude for Commissioner Frost's six years of dedicated service.

Vice Chair Schlegelmilch, Commissioner Duchene, and Commissioner Wurth also expressed their gratitude for Commissioner Frost's leadership and service through his years on the Commission.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Frost reported on his visit to Florence Ely Nelson Park.

Chair Koczka reported on his visit to the Sports Complex while the professional women's soccer team was practicing there.

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10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K)

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the Commission on upcoming events.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lorelei Oien Administrative Secretary

Meets Established Criteria Janice M. Cameron Director, Parks and Recreation